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17. (Unclassified - LLM) Spoke with Robert Hull at the Department of State to determine State's position on the possible incorporation of changes in the Civil Service retirement system as a result of active bills in the Congress. Hull said they thought they would propose catch-up amendments to go with the cost of living change (H.R. 3799) but not for the retroactive date for which he felt there was no justification; the reduction from two to one year over the length of marriage required to qualify a second spouse for a survivor annuity (S.2174); and peg employee contribution rates to those exact amounts set by the Civil Service Commission for the Civil Service retirement system.

Believing that this catch-up requirement places an unnecessary strain on our respective retirement systems, Hull asked how far we had gotten with our proposal which I discussed with him a number of years ago to provide the Director the authority to administratively adopt changes in comparable provisions approved for the Civil Service retirement system. I reviewed with him the progress we had made with OMB (Roger Jones) and the resistance from our committees. Hull said he would be interested in seeing the language of our proposal. In response to his request, I told Hull I would send him the specific language of our proposal.

18. (Unclassified - PLC) [REDACTED] called and said that he would call again on Monday and at that time he will provide a telephone number and the time so that someone from the Agency can call him to arrange an interview. (See Journal 11 October) DCD and OS were advised.

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19. (Confidential - JMM) Accompanied the Director who appeared before the full House Armed Services Committee for a discussion of recent developments in the Arab/Israeli war. See Memo for the Record.

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